

Appl. No. : 09/879,364  
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**REMARKS**

In an Office communication mailed on January 7, 2005, the Examiner asserted that the claims were "directed to a non elected species (IX)" and that the claims "must be directed to the elected species" of Figures 1-17. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that the claims did not cover the elected species. The Examiner did not identify any claim limitation in the pending claims that was not present in the elected species, and there is none. However, in an effort to expedite allowance, Applicants have amended the claims to refer more specifically to the embodiment of the elected species.

**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the assertions in the outstanding Office communication should be withdrawn. If any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance of this application. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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